William Twining – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

This land records study covers three generations of William Twinings. William Sr. was in Yarmouth in 1643 and in Eastham by 1651 where he was Constable. He died in 1659 in Eastham and most likely is buried in an unmarked grave in Eastham Cove Burying Ground.

His son William Jr. was a married adult by 1659 when he was granted a house lot adjoining his father's land. William Jr. died in the late 1600's in Eastham and most likely is buried in an unmarked grave in Eastham Cove Burying Ground. William Jr. had a son William 3rd who was a married adult by 1689.

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Granted to William Sr. two acres of meadow lying near the head of Great Namskaket. PDF P8.

1656

Ganted to William Sr. five acres of upland next to land of William Jr. PDF P7.

1659

Granted to William Sr. two acres of meadow at Great Namskaket on the east side of Nicholas Snow's land and running to Richard Sparrow's land PDF A201, M114, S11.

Granted to William Sr. five acres at Pochet next to Gerorge Crisp's land. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A201, M114, S11.

Granted to William Sr. two and one-half acres next to the Cove and bounded by a fence. PDF A201, M114.

Granted to William Jr. three and one-half acres for a house lot adjoining land of William Sr. Bounds were indicated by a fence at each corner. PDF A203, M116, S11.

Granted to William Jr. one acre at Billingsgate next to land of Richard Sparrow and running to the point. PDF A203, M117, S11.

Granted to William Jr. five acres of meadow at Little Namskaket next to land of William Merrick. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and a stake in the marsh. PDF A203, M117, S11.

Granted to William Jr. three-quarters of an acre on the south side of Boat Meadow next to land belonging to George Crisp. PDF A203, M116, M226.

Granted to William Jr. ten acres at Pochet bounded by land of George Crispe and Josiah Cooke. PDF A203, M116, S11.

Granted to William Sr. one-half acre lying on the south side of Rock Harbor bounded by land of Daniel Cole and John Yates. PDF S11.

1665

Five acres of upland at Pochet which belonged to William Sr. was exchanged with Richard Higgins for five acres of Higgins land next to Jonathan Sparrow's land near Young's Cove. PDF A200, M112, S29.

Granted to William Sr. one-half acre on the south side of Rock Harbor between land of Daniel Cole and John Yates. PDF A201, M114.

William (Jr.) purchased from Josiah Cooke two acres of meadow on the north side of Namskaket near the beach. The two acres was next to other Twining land. PDF A203, M117.

1668

Granted to William (Jr.) swamp lying at the end of his garden. Bounds were indicated by rocks at the corners and a section of fence. PDF A203, M117, S34.

1680

Granted to William (Jr.) a lot in the great old Indian field on the east side of Satucket River. It was next to land of Mark Snow and Daniel Cole. It was eighteen pole by twenty-one pole or a little over two acres. PDF A242, M262, S79.

1683

Granted to William (Jr.) two acres on Tom's Island on the farther side of Patanumaquit. The lot was next to similar sized lots belonging to Mark Snow and John Freeman. PDF A243, M241.

Granted to the heirs of William Twining, Robert Wixam and Richard Knowles, all deceased, a parcel of meadow on Pochet flats or low meadow near the bass hole and the creek. The lot was forty pole by fourteen pole or about three and one-half acres. PDF A273, M152.

Granted to the heirs of William Twining, Robert Wixam and Richard Knowles, all deceased, a parcel of meadow on Pochet flats or low meadow fifty-six pole by six pole or about two acres. This was thought to be enough meadow to afford a load of hay annually. PDF M24.

Granted to William Twining and Richard Young and their heirs a parcel of meadow at the northerly end of Pochet high meadow by the beach. The parcel ran north along the beach thirty-two pole from there west eight pole from there south twelve pole from there west thirty-six pole from there southwest twenty-one pole and from there north about thirty-two pole. These dimensions indicate an area of about eleven acres. PDF A275, M156, M157, S89.

Granted to William Twining and his heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet flats or low meadow on the southerly part of the flats towards the bass hole. Dimensions were sixteen pole by forty-two pole or about four acres. The parcel was on the north side of the lot of Israel Cole. PDF A274, M154, S97.

1711

Granted to William Twining and his heirs a parcel of upland next to his house lot. Bounds were indicated by stones at the corners of the property. The parcel was about three and one-half acres. PDF T48.

Granted to William Twining and his heirs four acres of upland on the southerly side of Cedar Pond beginning at the northeast corner of the pond and next to the cartway and the highway. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T48.

Granted to Willian Twining and his heirs a six acre wood lot next to Stephen Snow's wood lot. Dimensions were about one hundred pole by eleven pole. PDF T48.

Town Meeting decided that Great Island at Billingsgate should be divided into twenty-four four acre lots. The twentieth lot was granted to William Twining, David Young, Joseph Rogers, Deacon Daniel Doane and William Smith in joint and equal shares. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T86, T89.

1715

Granted to William Twining and his heirs about thirteen and one-half acres next to other Twining land between the dwelling house of John Cole Jr. and Smith's Neck on the southwest side of the way that goes down to the neck. Bounds were indicated by stones at the corners. PDF T203.

Granted to William Twining and his heirs a parcel of land on the north side of Fresh Brook and on the east side of the roadway that goes to Billingsgate. The parcel is about forty-sis pole by forty pole which would be about eleven acres. PDF T277.

Granted to William Twining and his heirs a parcel of land adjoining the west side of his plain lot and near the barn of John Cole Jr. The parcel is about fifty-seven pole by twenty-four pole which would be about eight acres. PDF T277.

1716

William Twining purchased for one pound and eight shillings two acres at Smith's Neck near his other land. Bounds were indicated by stones at the corners. T310.

Granted to William Twining and his heirs a parcel of upland on the south side of Rock Harbor next to his meadow fence and next to land of Maziah Harding. Bounds were indicated by the fence, stones and marked trees. The size of the parcel was not given. PDF T310.

The land owned by William Twining Sr., William Twining Jr. and their heirs described in these records amounts to about 110 acres. By 1745 only one other Twining was found in these records to have received Eastham land grants.